GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Assistance for Poly-Houses
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any comprehensive plan to launch schemes to make poly-houses for agricultural activities popular amongst small farmers to uplift their economic condition and to reduce dependence on non-agricultural professions forcing them to migrate to cities and town from their respective villages;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the financial assistance provided by the Government to various States to promote poly-houses during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to make available technological skills to the farmers desirous of undertaking agricultural activities using poly-houses; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) is being implemented in all States/UTs during XII Plan and provides assistance for protected cultivation through Green House structures/poly houses. For Fan & Pad and Naturally ventilated system Green House (Tubular structure), assistance is provided @ 50% of cost for a maximum area of 4000 sq. mtrs. per beneficiary. For wooden and bamboo structure green house, assistance is provided @ 50% of cost limited to 20 units per beneficiary and each unit not exceeding 200 sq. m. Assistance for protected cultivation is also being provided under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA).

(c): Statement indicating financial assistance provided by the Government to various States under MIDH for the last three years is given at Annexure. This includes assistance for creation of green house and poly houses. The annual Action Plan (AAP) for the current financial year is being finalized.

(d) & (e): Under the HRD programme of MIDH, training of farmers, entrepreneurs, field level workers and officials is envisaged, including for protected cultivation, Further, 22 Precision Farming Development Centres (PFDCs) have been established in the country to standardize precision farming, promote use of various plasticulture technologies and to provide training & awareness programmes. Farmers are also provided technical literature and information about financial assistance under the scheme in local languages.